GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Overweight and Obese Children
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that large number of children below the age of five are overweight/obese, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted for the said age group in this regard; if so, the details thereof along with the major finding of the study;

(c) the number of cases of diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol reported in children during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to address the said problem including conducting of awareness programmes in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per the National Family Health Survey-III Report (2005-06), the prevalence of overweight/obesity among children below five years of age is 1.9%.

(b): Indian Council of Medical Research carried out a Task Force study entitled
'Childhood obesity in India: a multi-centric study on its measurement and determinants' in three regions of the country. However, the study has been done in age group of 6 years and above.

(c): No such data is available at the National level.

(d): The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) was launched in 2010 with focus on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion through behavior change communication, early diagnosis, management and referral. MDiabetes mobile application has also been launched to generate awareness on Diabetes, promote adherence of treatment and inculcate healthy habits among the masses with the special focus on special target groups.